

REMARKS

Introduction

The remarks are responsive to the final Office Action of October 29, 2004. Claims 1-2, 4-11 and 26 are pending. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in the present application. Claim 3 has been allowed. The allowable subject matter of claim 3 has been incorporated into claim 1 and for readability. Consequently, claim 3 has been cancelled without disclaimer. Claims 12-25 have been cancelled without disclaimer. The instant application has been placed into condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Claims

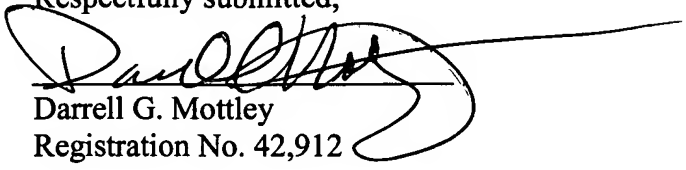
Independent claim 1 has been amended with the subject matter indicated to be allowable from claim 3. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable for issuance. Claim 3 has been cancelled in light of the allowable subject matter being incorporated into the claim 1 and for readability. Dependent claims 2, 4-11 and 26 are allowable in that the noted claims depend from allowable claim 1. Thus, the applicant now stands with allowable claims 1-2, 4-11 and 26.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below-listed number. If any additional fees are

required or if an overpayment has been made the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit
Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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